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1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES SHARE THE MISSION'S DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE OUTCOME OF MEETING. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON A POLICY-ORIENTED, CROSS-SECTORAL APPROACH. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE REFUSAL OF SEVERAL DELEGATIONS TO ACCEPT SUCH AN APPROACH IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO WORK TOWARD THIS GOAL ON A STEP-BY-STEP BASIS. THUS WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUGGEST THE TERMINATION OF SECTORAL STUDY GROUPS WHICH HAVE OUTLIVED THEIR USEFULNESS, TAKE A HARD LOOK AT PROPOSALS FOR NEW SECTORAL STUDIES, AND GENERALLY WILL ADVOCATE A CROSS-SECTORAL

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APPROACH TO NEW WORK.

2. OUR MOST IMPORTANT SHORT RANGE GOAL IS TO GAIN
ACCEPTANCE OF THE US PROPOSAL FOR AN INVESTMENT STUDY.
IN CONTACTS THAT MISSION IS UNDERTAKING (PARA 19 REFTEL)
WE SUGGEST THAT MISSION EMPHASIZE THE USEFULNESS OF THE
PROPOSED INVESTMENT STUDY RATHER THAN THE GENERAL NEED
FOR CROSS-SECTORAL AS OPPOSED TO SECTORAL STUDIES.

MISSION SHOULD ALSO ASSURE BECKLER THAT HE CAN COUNT
ON US SUPPORT IN HIS EFFORTS TO FOCUS THE COMMITTEE'S
WORK ON POLICY ISSUES EMPHASIZED BY THE OECD IN GENERAL. ROBINSON

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